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Westin Hotels

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Westin Hotels & Resorts is an upscale hotel chain owned by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. As of 2013, Westin operated over 192 hotels.

Westin Hotels & Resorts

Type	Subsidiary
Industry	Hotel
Founded	1930
Founder(s)	Severt W. Thurston, Frank Dupar
Headquarters	Stamford, Connecticut
Number of locations	200
Area served	Worldwide
Parent	Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide
Website	starwoodhotels.com/westin

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History [edit]

Early History [edit]

In 1930, Severt W. Thurston and Frank Dupar of Seattle, Washington met unexpectedly during breakfast at a diner. Both competing hotel owners, the two began in conversation and eventually decided to form a strategic alliance. With 17 properties, of which 16 were in Washington, they joined Peter and Adolph Schmidt and established Western Hotels.[1]

Growth and Name Change [edit]

Early management developed each property individually. After more than two decades of rapid growth, prompting a name change in 1954 to Western International Hotels, many of its properties were merged into a single corporate structure in 1958, and the company went public in 1963. In 1970, the chain was acquired by UAL Corporation. For its 50th anniversary in 1980, it changed its name again to Westin Hotels & Resorts (a contraction of the words Western International).

In 1987, UAL Chairman Richard Ferris announced a plan to make UAL into Allegis, a travel conglomerate based around United Airlines, Hertz Rent a Car, Hilton Hotels, and Westin and linked by Apollo. This strategy failed, however, and Westin was sold in 1988 to Aoki Corporation of Japan. In 1994 Aoki sold it to Starwood Capital, real estate investment firm and parent of Starwood Lodging, and Goldman Sachs, an investment bank. In 1998 Starwood assumed full ownership of the company.[1]

The restoration of the historic Westin Book Cadillac Hotel (2008) in Detroit.

Westin claims to have been the first hotel chain to introduce guest credit cards (in 1946), 24-hour room service (1969), and personal voice mail in each room (1991).[2]

Today [edit]

Westin markets certain amenities available in its properties to the public under the brand name *Heavenly*. In 2005, Westin became the first hotel company to gain a national retail store presence when Nordstrom started carrying the *Heavenly Bed* line in more than 60 stores.

Westin refreshed its partnership with United Airlines in 2008. United began offering pillows and blankets from Westin's Heavenly Bed line on select United premium service routes between New York City and California, as well as Westin decorations and scents in some Red Carpet Club lounges.[3] These amenities were stopped following the merger with Continental Airlines. Beginning in 2013 Delta Air Lines began an extensive partnership with Westin and Starwood Hotels, this included adding Westin Heavenly In-flight Bedding to all BusinessElite seats on international flight as well as transcontinental flights.[4]

Especially in the last decade, Westin has focused on expanding globally. Since 2005, the number of hotels has grown

from 120 locations in 24 countries to over 192 locations in 37 countries as of 2013.

Notable hotels [edit]

- Westin Bonaventure Hotel - iconic Los Angeles hotel composed of 5 cylindrical towers, designed by John Portman
- Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa - oldest resort hotel in Hawaii
- Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel - for many years the tallest in the world
- Westin Book Cadillac Hotel - historic Detroit skyscraper hotel which sat vacant for decades before a recent complete restoration
- Westin Singapore - has the highest hotel lobby in Singapore[5]
- Westin Hotel & Resort Denpasar/Bali - nestled on the white sandy beach of Bali's southern coast
- Westin St. Francis - famous San Francisco hotel on Union Square, parts of which survived the 1906 earthquake
- The Westin Excelsior, Rome - The Villa La Cupola Suite, billed at US$30,000 per night, is listed at number 8 on *World's 15 most expensive hotel suites* complied by CNN Go in 2012.[6]
- The Westin Palace Madrid - historic 1912 luxury hotel in the heart of Madrid
- The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa - only Resort located in Savannah's Historic District
- The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa - located in the heart of Scottsdale, Arizona
- The Westin Maui Resort & Spa - located on Ka'anapali Beach in Maui, Hawaii.

Gallery [edit]

Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta

Westin in Boston, Massachusetts

Westin Oaks in Uptown Houston, Texas

Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas

Westin Southfield Detroit Hotel

The Westin Charlotte

Westin at Gulshan, Dhaka

Westin at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles

The Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, California

The Westin Seattle in downtown Seattle, Washington

Westin in downtown Ottawa, Ontario

Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles

The Westin Zagreb, Croatia

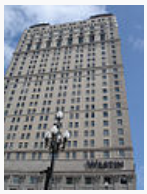
The Westin Palace Madrid, Madrid, Spain

The Westin Valencia. Valencia, Spain

Westin Grand, Berlin, Germany

Westin Times Square, New York City

The Westin Guangzhou in Guangzhou, China



Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit

Westin in Savannah, Georgia

Westin in Melbourne, Australia

Westin St. Francis in San Francisco

The Westin Lima in Lima, Perú.

The Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto - formerly Harbour Castle Hilton (moved to Toronto Hilton)

An exterior view of The Westin Resort, Costa Navarino inspired by traditional mansions of Messinia in Greece

The Westin Pune in Pune, India

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Carlson Rezidor	Country Inns & Suites · Hotel Missoni · Park Inn · Park Plaza · Radisson · Radisson Blu ·
Choice Hotels	Ascend Collection · Cambria Suites · Clarion · Comfort Inn · Comfort Suites · Econo Lodge · Mainstay Suites · Quality Inn · Rodeway Inn · Sleep Inn · Suburban Extended Stay Hotel ·
FRHI	Fairmont Hotels · Raffles · Swissôtel ·
Hilton	Conrad Hotels · DoubleTree · Embassy Suites · Hampton Inn · Hilton Garden Inn · Hilton Grand Vacations · Hilton Hotels & Resorts · Home2 Suites · Homewood Suites · Waldorf Astoria ·
Hyatt	Andaz · Grand Hyatt · Hyatt · Hyatt House · Hyatt Place · Hyatt Regency · Park Hyatt ·
InterContinental	Candlewood Suites · Crowne Plaza · Holiday Inn · Holiday Inn Express · Hotel Indigo · InterContinental · Staybridge Suites ·
	AC Hotels · Autograph Collection · Bulgari Hotels & Resorts · Courtyard · EDITION Hotels · ExecuStay · Fairfield Inn · Gaylord Hotels · Grand Residences · JW Marriott · Marriott Conference Centers ·

Marriott	Marriott Executive Apartments · Marriott Golf · Marriott Hotels & Resorts · Marriott Vacation Club · Moxy Hotels · Renaissance Hotels · Residence Inn · Ritz-Carlton · Ritz-Carlton Destination Club · SpringHill Suites · TownePlace Suites ·
Pan Pacific	Parkroyal · Pan Pacific ·
Starwood	Aloft Hotels · Element by Westin · Four Points · Golden Tulip · Le Méridien · St. Regis · Sheraton · W Hotels · **Westin Hotels** · The Luxury Collection ·
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